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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MAYOR AND MRS. WALTER WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 122140, PRAGUE 1318 (NOTAL)

1. MAYOR WASHINGTON REGRETS HE MUST CANCEL PROPOSED VISIT DUE TO PRESSING DEMANDS OF HIS OFFICE RESULTING FROM ORGANIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF NEW DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT WHICH REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE HERE OVER THE COMING WEEKS. MAYOR GREATLY REGRETS INCONVENIENCE CAUSED HIS HOSTS AND IWSHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE WAS, AND STILL IS, LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT INTEREST TO THE VISIT.

2. MAYOR IS HOPEFUL VISIT CAN BE RESCHEDULED. HE BELIEVES HE COULD BE AVAILABLE FIRST TWO WEEKS AUGUST, AND HIS OFFICE HAS SO INFORMED EE EMBASSIES HERE. ADDRESSEES SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER LOCAL HOSTS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RESCHEDULING THE VISIT IN AUGUST. ADVISE.

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3. FOR PRAGUE: CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE APPEARS EQUALLY
DISAPPOINTED BY THIS LATEST POSTPONEMENT. MAYOR'S OFFICE
POINTS OUT HOWEVER THAT WHILE PREVIOUS INVITATIONS FROM
CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MAYOR, THIS IS
FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH A DATE FOR VISIT HAD BEEN SET AND

THEN CANCELLED. YOU SHOULD ASSURE MFA THAT POSTPONEMENT
IS NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND THAT MAYOR'S VISITS TO
MOSCOW AND WARSAW ARE LIKEWISE AFFECTED. KISSINGER

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